

WATER

The Select Water Committee is advancing legislation to set aside monies dedicated to building water storage projects. Wyoming is a high plains desert state with water leaving our borders daily to quench the thirst of urban areas. No one can doubt the need to act now to protect our water. A more aggressive role for the state in the development of water storage projects is essential. Extended federal permitting obstacles simply wear down the patience and resources of private project sponsors. If the state does not act, little or nothing will happen. The legislation reflects a true collaboration between the branches of government and I commend it to you for favorable consideration.